# http://www.mcnews.com.au/NewsArchives/2008/January/Maddison_Jump_Portrait.jpgRobbie Maddison

Robert Billy Maddison, commonly known as **Robbie Maddison** (born [July 14](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_14), [1981](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1981)) is an [Australian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) [motorbike](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorbike) [stunt rider](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stunt_performer) from the town of [Kiama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiama,_New_South_Wales), [New South Wales](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_South_Wales).

Growing up in Kiama Downs he developed his passion for riding by competing in national motocross events.

He finished school at Kiama High and took up an electrician apprenticeship, before further following his passion for riding.

On [December 31](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/December_31), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007), (on the 40th anniversary of [Evel Knievel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evel_Knievel) jumping the fountains at [Caesars Palace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caesars_Palace)), Maddison broke the world motorcycle jumping record[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbie_Maddison#cite_note-0), traveling 98.34m on a motorbike. He repeated the event immediately afterwards, successfully landing the jump, as his fiancee Amy looked on. His second attempt, however, did not go as far as the first jump; he was not injured in either jump.

On [March 29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_29), [2008](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008), he broke his own world record twice during the Crusty Demons Night of World Records show in [Melbourne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne), [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia). During his first jump he traveled 316 [feet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foot_(unit_of_measurement)) 0 [inches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inch) (96.32 [meters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metre)) and landed on the safety zone nearly hitting the front of the landing ramp. On his second attempt he broke the world record by traveling 342 [feet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foot_(unit_of_measurement)) 7 [inches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inch) (104.42 [meters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metre)) this time he landed hard on his back tire and was not satisfied by the jump, so he decided to jump once more. On his third jump he again broke the world record, this time with 106.98m (350.98 feet) into a perfect landing.

On [January 1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/January_1), [2009](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009), Maddison successfully jumped 96 [feet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foot_(unit_of_length)) (29.26 [meters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metre)) up onto the Arc de Triomphe in front of [Paris Las Vegas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris_Las_Vegas) and then descended a 40 foot drop off the monument to return safely to ground level. Robbie said after the jump that he may have broken his hand and had a gash to the bone in the webbing of his left hand.

On [May 30](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_30), [2009](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009), Maddison proved himself more than just a stuntman by defeating some of the world's best freestyle riders at the Calgary, AB Canada stop of the Red Bull X-Fighters competition. His victory in the Head-to-Head competition meant he had to progress through three rounds, defeating multiple X Games medallist Nate Adams (USA) in the first, defending series champion Mat Rebaud (SUI) in the semi-final round and then 30 year old series veteran Eigo Sato (JPN) in the final.

On [July 13](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_13), 2009, Maddison jumped [Tower Bridge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_Bridge) with a backflip, whilst the drawbridge was open by 25 feet.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbie_Maddison#cite_note-1)